[Translation]

Modernisation and expansion of C.O.D. and Army Base Workshop, Agra

2394. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for modernisation and expansion of Central Ordnance Depot and Army Base Workshop situated at Agra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No such proposal has so far been received from the Army Headquarters.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Road Linkage across Yamuna River in Delhi

2395. SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the residents of Trans Yamuna areas have to face great difficulties while coming to their place of work in Delhi especially during the morning and evening peak hours due to the lack of road bridges across the Yamuna river although the new ISBT bridge has been made partly functional;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to augment and strengthen the road linkage across Yamuna; and

(c) the time bound programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to construct 3 more bridges across Yamuna parallel to the existing bridges at I.T.O. Wazirabad and Nizamuddin

(c) It is too early to give a time bound programme in this regard.

Opening of branches of RRBs in Garhwal Region

2397. SHRI BHUVAN CHANDRA KHANDURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of Regional Rural Banks proposed to be opened in the Garhwal region during the next three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the number of extension counters functioning in these districts, district-wise and the particulars of extension counters to be set up during the next three years, separately; and

(c) the Government's policy regarding opening of more bank branches in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Opening of branches of banks including Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) under the extant licensing policy is a continuous process which is governed by licences issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in this regard. As such it is not possible to project the number of branches of RRBs and extension counters to be opened in the Garhwal region during the next three years. However, out of the 94 branch licences issued to RRBs under the 1985-90 policy, only 3 are pending.

District-wise number of extension counters functioning in Garhwal region at present are indicated below :—

Name of District	Number of extension counter
Dehradun	33
Pauri Garhwal	3
Tehri Garhwal	..
Chamoli	1
Uttarkashi	1

(c) RBI has finalised its guidelines for future branch expansion. The approach has taken into consideration the special needs of hilly/tribal areas which will be given due weightage.